



Via e-mail

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the recommendations in the draft report from the state agencies in the Climate Action Team. Of the many challenges facing California, the nation, and the world in the coming years, none is more pressing than climate change, whose impacts will affect our economic future as well as the health and well being of future generations.

As a long-time entrepreneur, writer, and consultant in the arena of clean technologies and sustainable business practices, I believe that California can lead the way in protecting the climate. In doing so, it not only can provide leadership to other states and nations, but can create thousands of new jobs and hundreds of new businesses focusing on clean energy and transportation. That could help ensure California's emerging role as the national (and world) center for clean-technology development, much as it has been for information technology.

As a native Californian, I strongly encourage you to provide strong and aggressive leadership on climate change in a way that benefits the economic, environmental, and social well-being of California citizens and businesses.

Thank you for addressing this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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